Vision 2020" document in order to have a perspective plan of development for the next 20 years;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the document would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING: (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commsission is preparing a report on "Vision 2020", which is now in the process of finalisation. The objective of this document is to enable us to envision the real possibilities for our National Development and to perceive the actions we need to take to convert those possibilities in to reality. Vision 2020 covers a whole range aspects of our National Development beginning with Human Development and including areas like Science and Technology, Infrastructure, Energy, Natural Resources, Environment, International Economy, Peace and Security and Governance.

(c) The vision 2020 report is expected to be completed shortly, latest by the end of this year.

Economic condition in the country

†2462. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that industrialists are also disagreed with the Prime Minister's assessment presented in respect of economic condition of the country in the meeting of Industry and Trade Advisory Council;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 33 crore of people in the country still live below poverty line and there are 20 crore of people who have no means to feed themselves even one time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government for betterment of these people?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Views of the Members of the Industry and Trade Advisory Council with regard to various aspects of the economic situation and their suggestions exhibited a certain element of diversity. However, in general, Members of the Council have been in agreement with PM's assessment of the economic situation in the country, brought to their attention in the course of PM's remarks to the Council.

(c) and (d) As per the data from the latest large survey on household consumer expenditure of the 55th Round, the number of people living below the poverty line in the country in 1999-2000 is 26 crore. The number of persons not getting enough food everyday throughout the year estimated from the same survey is 3 crore in 1999-2000.

(e) There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce the poverty in the country. These are: (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status or the weaker sections of the society, etc. and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

Per capita income

†2463. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average annual national per capita income has been assessed as 15,562 rupees in the country;

(b) if not, the actual per capita income;

(c) the year for the assessment of the income;

(d) whether Government have identified the citizens with lesser income vis-a-vis national average income in various States; and

(e) the details thereof?

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